

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1004
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marian Hale on her selection as McMinn County Teacher of the Year and as the Joe C. Quirk Distinguished Educator of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those dedicated teachers who through their profound commitment to education have earned the approbation of their peers, their students, and their students' parents; and

WHEREAS, Marian Hale is one such outstanding educator who has devoted her career to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hale has recently been selected as McMinn County Teacher of the Year and Joe C. Quirk Distinguished Educator of the Year, honors most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as they recognize the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of the McMinn County Board of Education, Mrs. Hale began her association with this educational system at a young age, attending Englewood Elementary School; she was a member of the first graduating class of Central High School of McMinn County in 1967; and

WHEREAS, truly valuing the rewards of a college education, Mrs. Hale received her Bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University and then furthered her pursuit of knowledge by earning a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past three decades, Mrs. Hale's unflagging efforts and creative approach to teaching have created an atmosphere in which her students are assured that they each possess the ability for success; and

WHEREAS, embarking upon a career in education in 1973, Mrs. Hale molded young minds at Englewood Elementary School as a fifth grade teacher before beginning her inspirational tenure at Mountain View Elementary; and

WHEREAS, after a brief respite from teaching to spend time with her children, Mrs. Hale returned to Mountain View Elementary in 1986 to teach second grade, a position in which she continues to serve with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, standing firm in her belief that there are no failures, "because each person may not excel at the same level but each one can be a success in something," Mrs. Hale strives to instill good moral beliefs while diligently working to help each child reach his or her potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to excellence has earned Mrs. Hale numerous accolades, the most recent of which include K-4 Level Teacher of the Year at Mountain View Elementary School and K-4 Level Teacher of the Year in McMinn County, in addition to being named the overall Teacher of the Year in McMinn County and the Joe C. Quirk Distinguished Educator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the individual chosen as the Joe C. Quirk Distinguished Educator must exemplify the qualities of integrity, high morals, and dedication to the teaching profession as were indicative of the life and career of the late Mr. Joe C. Quirk; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional endeavors, Mrs. Hale has lent her laudable service to her community through involvement in the American Cancer Society, the American Juvenile Diabetes Association, March of Dimes, and the Alzheimer's Association Walk; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hale truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Marian Hale is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband John Hale, their daughter and son-in-law, Heather Walker and Chris, and son and daughter-in-law, Josh Hale and Alicia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marian Hale epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean and she should be specially recognized for her dedication in guiding Tennessee's youth to a better understanding of the world and themselves; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Marian Hale on being chosen as McMinn County Teacher of the Year and as the Joe C. Quirk Distinguished Educator of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.